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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO  
SUBJECT: HILEX: US RESPONSE TO SCENERIO INCIDENT

REF: (A) AC/287(H-8)WP/1(REVISED)

1. IN A RECENT LETTER, MR. S. SUNGURTEKIN, DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE NATO COUNCIL OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE, NOTED  
THAT THE HILEX PRE-EXERCISE SETTING (REF) INCLUDES SELECTED  
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL REQUIRE POLITICAL FOLLOW-UP AT  
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXERCISE. OF PARTICULAR  
CONCERN IS THE SOVIET DEMARCHE IN PARA 110 (WHICH FOLLOWS  
BELOW) WHICH APPEARS TO REQUIRE A REPLY AND COULD SERVE  
TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON SEVERAL KEY ALLIANCE ISSUES.  
BEGIN TEXT:

110. THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR WAS THEN HANDED  
A NOTE IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS WERE MADE:

- (A) THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REDUCE ITS STOCK
- OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN EUROPE

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- TO NO MORE THAN 1,000, WHICH, THE SOVIET
- UNION STATED, WAS THE SAME NUMBER AS THE
- SOVIET WARHEAD STOCKS IN THE GDR AND
- CSSR COMBINED. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIETS,
- THE MAINTENANCE OF THE US TACTICAL
- NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN EUROPE HAS ENCOURAGED
- THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE INITIATIVES

- IN ORDER TO UPSET THE STATUS QUO;
  
- (B) THE UNITED STATES, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY,
- SHOULD CEASE ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF RADIO
- FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY. THE SOVIET
- AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THAT THESE TWO RADIO
- STATIONS RECENTLY INTENSIFIED THEIR
- PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES TO SUCH PROPORTIONS
- THAT IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO TOLERATE
- THEM.

END TEXT.

2. IN HIS LETTER, SUNGURTEKIN SUGGESTED THAT THE US MIGHT "WISH TO FOCUS ON THE POLITICAL FOLLOWUP OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF 'FREE PLAY' AND AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT THE START OF THE EXERCISE". AT THE OPENING OF HILEX, THE OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE SHOULD CIRCULATE A US REPLY TO THE SOVIET DEMARCHE OR A US REQUEST FOR ALLIED CONSULTATIONS TO DEVISE A UNIFIED RESPONSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON A POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO THE "SOVIET DEMARCHE" FEATURED IN THE HILEX EXERCISE SCENERIO. GLITMAN

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